THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) As per statistics complied by the National Crime Records Bureau, the number of incidents of crimes reportedly committed against women in the country for the years 2000, 2001 and 2002 were 141373,143795 and 147678 respectively, State-wise details of which are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix 203 Annexure No. 7]

_ (c) 'Public Order" and 'Police' are State subject. However, the Government of India has been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crime against women and other vulnerable sections of society. In an advisory sent to the State Governments on 5th May, 2004, they have been requested, *inter-alia,* to take the following measures to check crime against women:

(i) Identification of crime prone areas and to put in a place a mechanism to monitor infractions in schools/colleges to ensure safety and security of female students,

(ii) Registration of FIR in all cases of crime against women,

(iii) Prominent exhibition of help-line numbers of the crime against women cells at public places,

(iv) Setting up of women police cells in the police stations and exclusive women police stations where necessary,

(v) Adequate training of police personnel in special laws who deal with crime against women.

Implementation of Foreign Citizens Act

594. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Foreign Citizens Act, 1946 is applicable to a few States only;

(b) whether Government propose to implement this law in all States including Assam in order to check infiltration of foreign nationals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRI PRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No Act by the name of Foreign Citizens Act, 1946 exists.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Meeting of CMs of nexal affected states

595. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he held a meeting of Chief Ministers of naxal-affected States, likeMadhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Orissa, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh in September, 2004;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the decision taken at the meeting for development in Naxal-affected districts, particularly the tribal areas, in these States;

(d) whether there is need for a long term strategy to tackle the Naxal problem instead of merely treating it as a law and order situation; and

(e) if so, the assistance of Central Government have promised to provide to each of these Naxal-affected States in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Union Home Minister held a Conference of the Chief Ministers of the nine naxal-affected States at Hyderabad on 21.9.2004 to discuss various aspects of the naxal problem and the approach to be adopted to deal with it.

(c) The following decisions were taken in the Conference:-

(i) If in its assessment at State finds the conditions conducive, it may hold peace talks with the naxal groups, in any manner it decides to do so. The purpose of talks should be to "strengthen peace and tranquility and reduce reliance of naxal groups on armed struggle.

(ii) During the period of peace dialogue, the State would continue to perform its legal duties and step up presence of the State Government machinery in the affected areas.

(iii) The States should consult each other, pursue a coordinated approach and conduct peace dialogue in a manner that it does not impact the other States adversely.